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1. Mr. Guy Richards, of the New York Journal American , who got my name from Col. Grogan, called me regarding the case of Cong. Stringfellow to urge that we give every possible assistance to the Congressman in trying to ascertain the OSS mission on which the Congressman was engaged. Mr. Richards also urged that in view of the fact that the Journal American was publishing some articles by Cong. Stringfellow they would appreciate any information we could give them which would tend to support or deny the Congressman's story. Subsequently, Cong. Stringfellow called me and I told him that I would have to check to see whether we had anything at all on his mission, and have made an appointment to see him on 27 January. The Congressman states that he was one of a group brought together and trained by OSS at the Congressional Country Club and the Armory. They received briefings from the SO Staff and the Planning Staff, including a professor. They were also brought together for a briefing at the White House, where the group was addressed by President Roosevelt. He does not know the names of his associates, but they went to Mulhouse, France/from there were dropped into a point near Nuremburg by B-17. This appears to have been Oct-Nov 1944. Guy Richards subsequently called me to state that he had located the law professor who in turn referred him to Ambassador Wiley,

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Amb. Wiley turther suggested to Richards that he might get information from either Gen. Donovan or Mr. Dulles.

- 2. Mr. Nease, of the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has called the Comptroller to discuss the location of the CIA budget. This is the same procedure as was followed last year. Mr. Saunders and I will discuss this matter with Mr. Nease on 29 January.
- 3. In connection with our meeting on 25 January with Chairman Short, of the House Armed Services Committee, the Chairman told me that this was not a good year in which to introduce legislation for CIA.

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4. In connection with H.R. 7202, a bill to amend the Annual and Sick Leave Act, introduced by Chairman Rees of the House Civil Service Committee, Mr. Kirkpatrick suggests that I discuss with the Chairman our need for special leave legislation and get his reaction to including it in H.R. 7202.